

WESTMINSTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 27, 2009

CALL TO ORDER A regular meeting of the Westminster Traffic Commission was called to order by Chairman Hamade on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at 6:35 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 8200 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, California.

SALUTE TO FLAG Vice Chairman Fisher led the members of the audience in the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL Commissioners Present: Hamade, Fisher, Robbins and Cruz

Commissioners Absent: Nguyen

STAFF PRESENT Adolfo Ozaeta, Civil Engineering Associate; Lieutenant Bill Collins, Westminster Police Department and Veronica Johnson, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the Traffic Commission's regular meeting of September 29, 2009 were approved by Fisher, seconded by Robbins. (4-0)

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED The only item to be considered at this evening's meeting was T.C. 77-120, Request for Stop Signs at the T-Intersections of Monroe Street at 21st Street and Monroe Street at 22nd Street (Minor Street Approach).

**T.C. 77-120
Monroe Street at
21st & 22nd Street** Mr. Ozaeta informed the Commission that staff had received a written request from Steven Vu (8193 22nd Street) requesting the installation of stop signs at the subject locations. Mr. Vu's concern is the safety of vehicles entering on Monroe Street from the side streets.

Mr. Ozaeta explained that staff assessed the conditions of the field and found no accidents reported according to the Police Department's Traffic Collision History Report at either of these intersections since 2008. Mr. Ozaeta was uncertain why two stop signs were not placed along the corridor, however; the Manual and Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) states:

1. The intersection of a less important road with a main road where application of the normal right-of-way rule would not be expected to provide reasonable compliance of the law.
2. A street entering a highway and every minor street approaching a major street has to stop to assess the conditions before proceeding onto the major street.
3. An unsignalized intersection; if there is no type of control, it may need to be controlled for traffic and motorists to assess the conditions.
4. High speeds, restricted views or crash records.

**STAFF'S
RECOMMENDATION**

Staff's recommendation, based on the California MUTCD, was to deny the request for stop signs as it does not meet any of the conditions.

California Vehicle Code Section 21800B states that when two vehicles entering an intersection from different highways at the same time, the driver on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right. Exception: the driver of a vehicle on a terminating highway shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle on the intersecting continuing highway.

The rule for maneuvering in this particular situation is that if you are driving on 21st or 22nd Street and your street is terminating, the motorist is to yield the right-of-way to everyone on the road.

Sergeant Nye explained that Monroe Street is a busy street and not all intersections are consistent or controlled. Intersecting roadways must yield to the thoroughfare and cannot proceed until reasonably safe to do so. Sergeant Nye is not opposed to the installation of a stop sign although it is not required as this is a T-intersection.

Mr. Ozaeta stated that he would like to instruct staff to look at similar dynamics that are occurring on Jackson Street prior to the Commission motioning on this item.

Discussion ensued among the Commission.

MOTION	Commissioner Cruz moved to deny installation of stop signs at the T intersection of Monroe Street at 21 st and 22 nd Street and for staff to investigate and prepare a report for the intersection of Jackson Street and 19 th Street.
VOTE	The motion carried by a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Nguyen being absent.
NEW BUSINESS	There were no "New Business" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.
OLD BUSINESS	There were no "Old Business" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.
INFORMATION AND REPORTS	There were no "Information and Reports" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	There were no "Oral Communications" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.
WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS	There were no "Written Communications" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.
ITEMS COMMISSIONERS MAY WISH TO DISCUSS	There were no "Items Commissioners may wish to discuss" at tonight's meeting.
ITEMS STAFF MAY WISH TO DISCUSS	Commissioner Cruz identified a damaged stop sign facing east at the southeast corner of Cedar and Wyoming. Mr. Ozaeta provided details on the Founders Day Parade.
ADJOURNMENT	There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marwan Youssef
Public Works Director/City Engineer

By: Veronica Johnson
Secretary

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